



Creation Care Sunday
April 26, 2020

PRELUDE

All Creatures of Our God and King

arr. R. Velde

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Darren Cushman Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: For the wonders of creation

People: Praise the Lord.

Leader: For the work of salvation

People: Praise the Lord.

Leader: For the wisdom of heaven

People: Praise the Lord.

OPENING HYMN #303

The Day of Resurrection

***The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;
the passover of gladness, the passover of God.***

***From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.***

***Now let the heav'ns be joyful! Let earth the song begin!
Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein!
Let all things seen and unseen their notes in gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end.***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God, whom we know

**through the scriptures and creation,
speak to us in this hour.**

**Show us the wisdom and joy of your ways
that we may know what is good and do what is right,
through Jesus Christ your Word. Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Colossians 1:15-20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things

have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Light at the End of the Blues

Becky Archibald
Composer, pianist

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Psalm 8

Leader: O Yahweh, our Sovereign,

People: how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Leader: You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouths of babes and infants

**People: you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

Leader: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

People: the moon and the stars that you have established;

Leader: what are human beings that you are mindful of them,

People: mortals that you care for them?

Leader: Yet you have made them a little lower than God,

People: and crowned them with glory and honor.

Leader: You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;

People: you have put all things under their feet,

Leader: all sheep and oxen,

and also the beasts of the field,

**People: the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

Leader: O Yahweh, our Sovereign,

People: how majestic is your name in all the earth!

HYMN OF PRAYER #92

For the Beauty of the Earth

***For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies;***

Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

***For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light; (Refrain)***

PRAYER FOR PEACE WITH JUSTICE

Leader: This is the Good News which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we pray for the world: Christ was raised and Christ is appearing. Death has been swallowed up in victory.

**People: Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Light of the world.**

Leader: Therefore, let us pray for the renewal of creation:

People: God, you delight in your creation,

**but the world has been wounded by greed.
Plant in us the Spirit of the risen Christ
that we may protect the skies,
restore the waters,
and heal the land,
through Jesus Christ your Word
in whom all things hold together. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Leader: God, in your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day
our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

DOXOLOGY #94 (PLEASE STAND)

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL LESSON (PLEASE STAND)

Matthew 6:25-33

'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little

faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Serve God by Saving the Earth

Tiffany Williams-Fashimpaur

HYMN OF DEDICATION #89

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

***Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, op'ning to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!***

***All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.***

***Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.***

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Now the Green Blade Riseth

arr. M. Sedio

This week's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood

Senior Pastor

Tiffany Williams-Fashimpaur

Pastor of Mission & Outreach

Heather Hinton

Organist

John Hague & Dick Luchtman

Audio Visual

Becky Archibald

Pianist

Greg & Rosie Jordan

Song Leaders

Upcoming Worship Service via Livestream:

Sunday, May 3, 11am

Adult Sunday School Class with Dr. Perry Kea

Sundays from April 19- May 31; 9:45-10:45am via Zoom

For more information, please email Amy Sell

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Parents of Pre-K Kids Sunday School Class

Sundays, 9:45-10:45am via Zoom

For more information, please email Amy Sell

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Youth Group, Sundays, 4-5pm via Zoom

For more information, please contact Cory Unthank

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A special thanks to Silly Safaris Shows, Inc. for providing the animals in today's service. The animals included a dove, a Flemish Giant rabbit, a Burmese python, a Betta fish and a Boston terrier. The Silly Safaris owner, Amazon John, allowed Lemur Lauren Warbinton to add these creatures to the service as a thank you for the ongoing newspaper recycling support North does for the 200+ animals.